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House of Representatives

April 28, 2021

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Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and
Related Programs
U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Appropriations
HT-2, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Harold Rogers
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and
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H-305, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Lee and Ranking Member Rogers,

As you draft the upcoming State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs (SFOPS) Act for Fiscal Year 2022, we ask you to redirect taxpayer funding from non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that perform, actively promote, or lobby for elective abortion. We also ask you to redirect funding from the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) due to its complicity in China's brutal birth limitation policy.

The Mexico City Policy, first established in 1984 by the Reagan Administration, was expanded and modernized by President Trump and redesignated as the Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance policy. It simply requires that foreign NGOs agree, as a condition of receiving federal funding, not to promote, lobby for, or perform abortion as a method of family planning. This policy does not reduce by one cent the amount of federal funding available for global health and family planning programs.

It is an extreme position to channel taxpayer dollars to abortion providers and promoters overseas. Abortion is not health care. It is never safe for the child: it kills an unborn baby through brutal procedures like suction, dismemberment or chemical poisoning. In addition, the child's mother deserves better than the tragic, irreversible consequences of elective abortion.

Americans overwhelmingly oppose using U.S. foreign aid to subsidize abortion. In January, a Marist Poll found more than three in four Americans—77%—oppose using tax dollars to support abortions in other countries. This number includes 64% percent of individuals who identify as pro-choice.¹

United States foreign assistance should be life-affirming: we can support the health of both women and unborn children by providing essential obstetric care, nutritional aid and other humanitarian assistance to persons in need.

We also urge you to provide no funding to the UNFPA because of its infamous complicity in China's brutal birth limitation policy. It works in partnership with China's National Health and Family Planning Commission, which responds to unauthorized pregnancy with coercive abortion and involuntary sterilization.

¹ Marist Poll. "Americans Opinions on Abortion." January 2021. <<https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/news-room/polls/kofc-americans-opinions-on-abortion012021.pdf>>

In 2016, China transitioned its “one-child-per-family” policy to a “two-children-per-family” policy. However, this revised state-imposed birth limitation does not eliminate the penalties that citizens face for violating the law. In China, reports of coerced abortions and sterilizations continue. In its 2020 annual report, the Congressional-Executive Commission on China stated that some provincial-level and other population planning regulations “explicitly instruct officials to carry out abortions—often referred to as “remedial measures” (bujiu cuoshi)—for unsanctioned pregnancies.”² Some local officials also seek to prevent and control illegal pregnancies and births by forcibly inserting intrauterine devices, levying fines, and imposing punishments like being fired from a job. A consequence of the Chinese Communist Party’s coercive child limitation policy is gendercide – tens of millions of missing daughters who were destroyed in the womb because they were female.

Providing any funding to UNFPA indirectly supports this appalling human rights abuse. Please continue to redirect funds to the Global Health Programs account for other family planning, maternal, and reproductive health activities. Redirecting U.S. foreign aid dollars sends a message that coercion is unacceptable, and we will fund programs that provide true health care.

We request that you include the following language in the FY22 State, Foreign Operations bill:

UNFPA AND MEXICO CITY POLICY LANGUAGE:

XXXX(a) None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be made available for the United Nations Population Fund


(b) None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act for global health assistance may be made available to any foreign nongovernmental organization that promotes or performs abortion, except in cases of rape or incest or when the life of the mother would be endangered if the fetus were carried to term.

Thank you for your attention to these important issues.

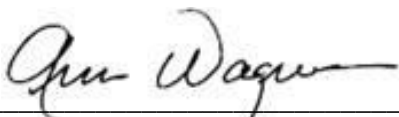
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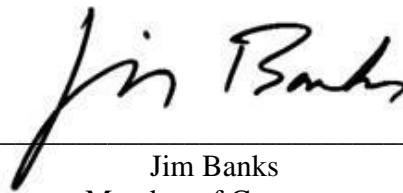


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² 2020 Annual Report. Congressional-Executive Commission on China. 2020. Page 4. < <https://www.cecc.gov/publications/annual-reports/2020-annual-report> > of [2020 CECC report](#).



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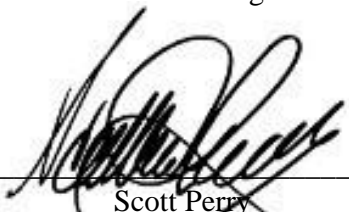
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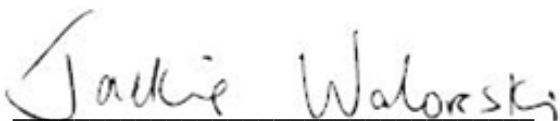
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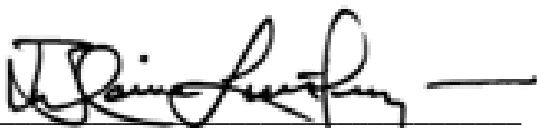
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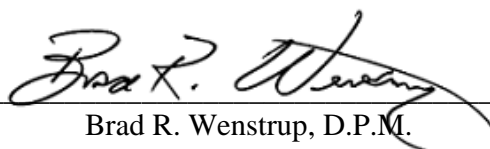
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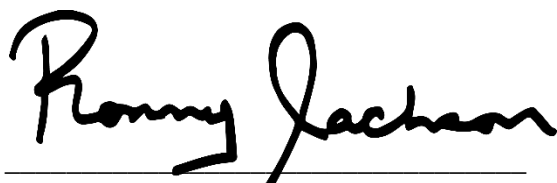
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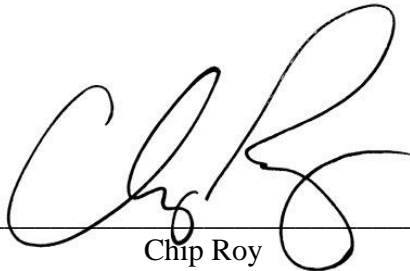
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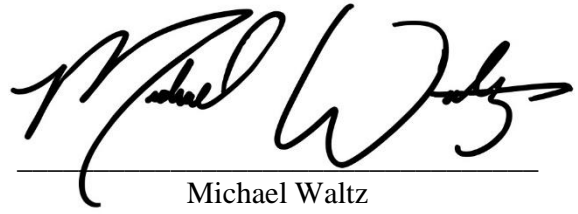
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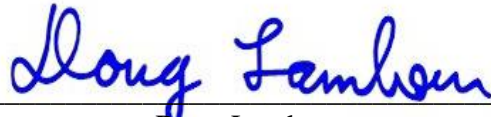
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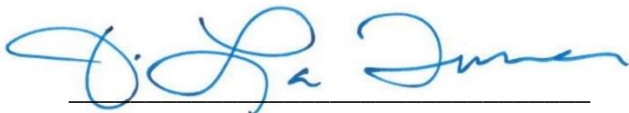
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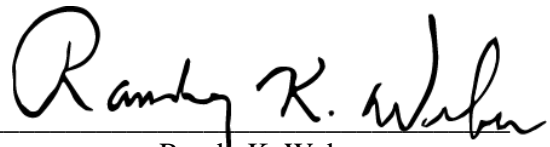
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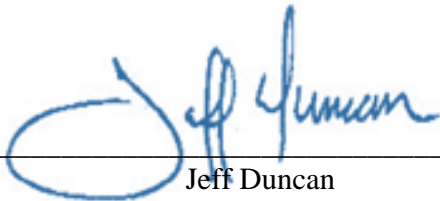
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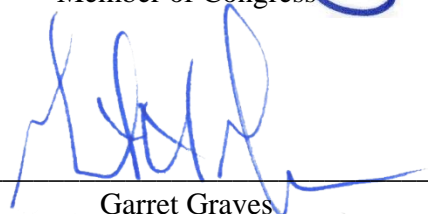
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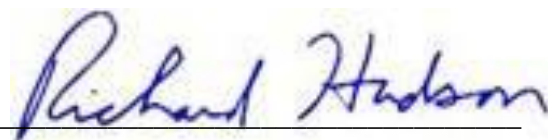
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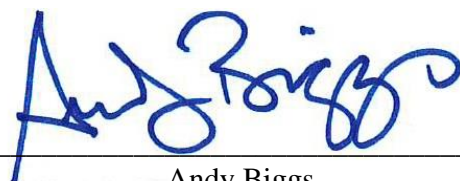
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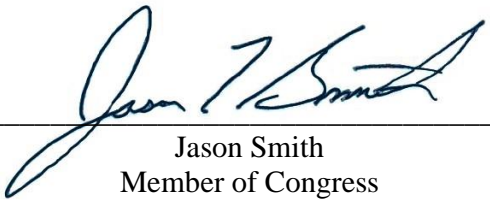
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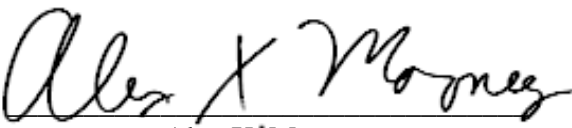
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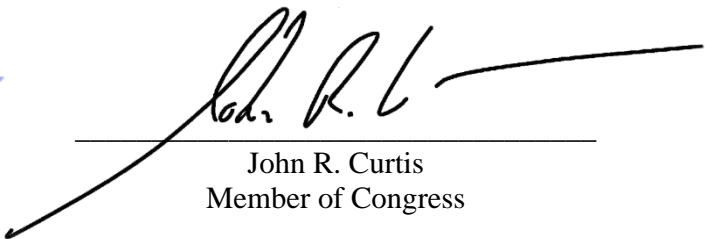
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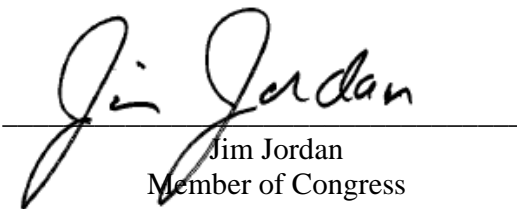
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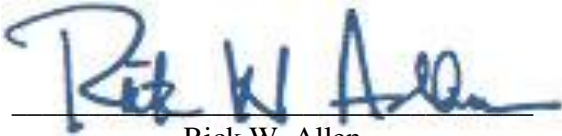
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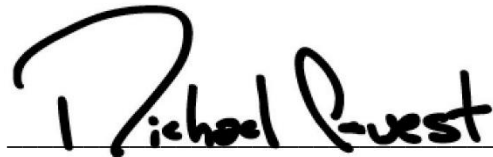
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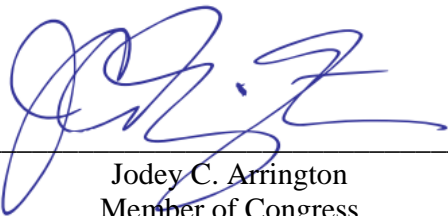
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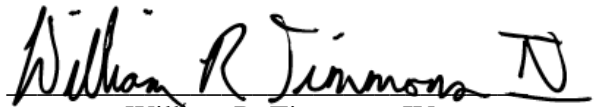
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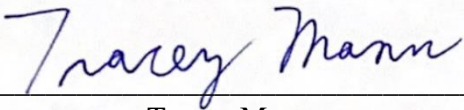
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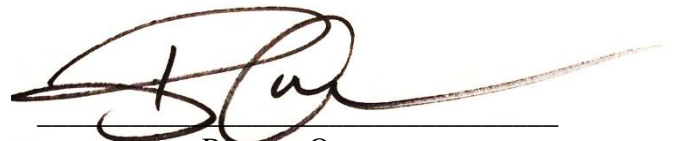
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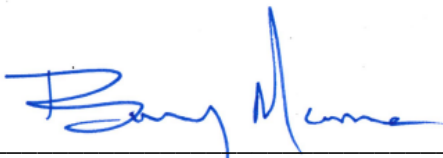
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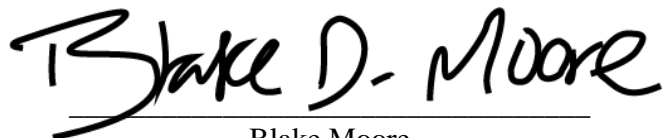
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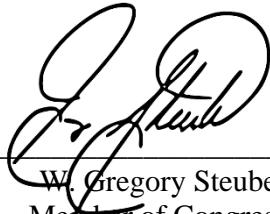
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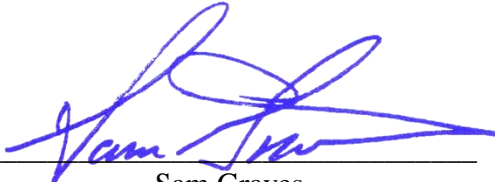
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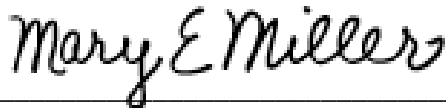
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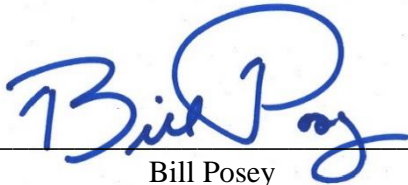
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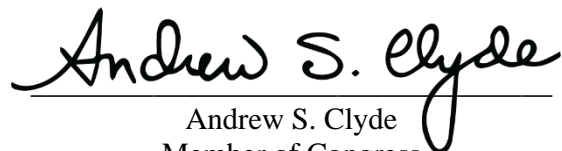
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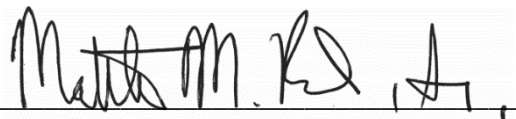
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